THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No. Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Projects

3193. SHRI PROMOTHES MUKHERJEE :
SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Railways hit by twin crunch" as reported in 'Statesman' dated July 5, 1996;

(b) whether due to hike in prices of petroleum products and power tariff by the State Electricity Boards, the various projects of Railways have been affected; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). As the necessary budget provision on account of hike in cost of fuel already exists, any adverse effect on the various Railways projects included in the Railway Budget for 1996-97 is unlikely.

Cattle Human Ratio

3194. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is constant depletion in the cattle wealth of the country with cattle human ratio coming down from 430 per thousand humans in 1951 to 278 in 1981 and is likely to reach 20 per thousand humans, if unchecked, by the year 2001.

(b) if so, the main reasons for the decline; and

(c) the steps being taken to check this decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. There is no depletion in cattle wealth. However the ratio of cattle and human population compared to cattle population.

(b) and (c). Does not arise as there is no decline is cattle population.

Higher Administrative Grade Posts in Railways

3195. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes officers denied promotions in the Higher Administrtive Grade due to the left over one year service condition and non fulfilling of the laid down bench marks; and

(b) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Out of 52 officers not empanelled for Grade Rs. 7,300 - 7,600/- in 1995-96, 5 were belonging to SC/ST communities.

(b) Does not arise there is no reservation for SC/ST communities in promotion to Grade Rs.7,300-7,600/- and such eligibility conditions and criteria of performance uniformly apply to all.

[Translation]

Licence for Slaughtering Animals

3196. SHRI KRISHAN LAL DILER : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have issued licence for slaughtering animals to Agro India Factory at Chherat in Aligarh district, Uttar Pradesh which would cause pollution and dangerous diseases in the district;

(b) whether the Government have received protests against it;

(c) if so, whether the Government have decided to cancel the licence of the said factory; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Slaughtering of animals is permitted by the State Government under the state laws. M/s. Hind Agro Industries Limited a joint venture project with Uttar Pradesh Pashudhan Udyog Nigam Limited and the Pradeshiya Industrial and Investment Corporation of Uttar Pradesh Limited were given approval by Secretariat for Industrial Approval for setting up of 100 per cent export oriented unit at Chherat in Aligarh district.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). In view of (a) above question does not arise.

Vehicles Challaned in Delhi

3197. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vehicles challaned in Delhi during the last two years;